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WASHINGTON, D. C., MONDAY, OCTOBER 25, 1909.

TWO CENTS.

## BODY IS FOUND

Mystery of Missing Beltsville Postmaster Solved.

## INDITCH NEAR LAUREL

Disappearance of Charles A. Fox, Jr., Explained.

## ONLY BONES WERE LEFT

Negro, Hunting Firewood, Accidentally Runs Across Corpse Hidden by Underbrush in Lonely Spot. Identification Made by Initials on Cuff Buttons and in Hat—Brother Also Identifies Clothing—Fox Wandered from Home in June While Delirious with Fever—Coroner's Inquest To-day.

The mystery which has shrouded the disappearance of Charles A. Fox, jr., formerly postmaster at Beltsville, Prince George County, who left his home Thursday, June 10, was lifted yesterday afternoon when a colored man, Ernest Gibson, accidentally found a hat and coat near a ditch one-half mile north of Laurel and fifty yards west of the Washington and Baltimore boulevard.

Further investigation by Gibson disclosed all that was left of the body of Fox lying in the ditch. Nothing was there but bones.

The spot where they were found is a dreary one. On the same afternoon that Fox left his home a searching party passed within a few yards of it.

Gibson, greatly excited, went to Laurel and notified Undertaker George E. French, who placed the bones in a box and brought them here. He then notified Magistrate Webb, of High Ridge, Howard County. The latter at once summoned a jury of inquest, which will meet this evening at 8 o'clock at Mr. French's establishment.

**IDENTIFICATION BY CUFF BUTTONS**  
Identification was established by means of Fox's initials on a pair of gold cuff buttons and on the band of his hat, both articles being found near the ditch. The clothing also bore the name of a clothing firm in Washington where young "Tod" Fox, the dead man's brother, is employed.

In the pockets of the trousers were found 15 cents and a key believed to be the key to the Beltsville post-office. As soon as he returned to Laurel, Undertaker French attempted to reach Dr. Charles A. Fox, at Beltsville, father of the dead man, but learned that he was at Fairfax Court House, Va., where he went to complete arrangements for the burial of his brother, Amos Fox, aged sixty-seven years, who died there. Dr. Fox only received notice of the death of his brother yesterday afternoon, and shortly afterward was notified by John Ricks, of Beltsville, that the remains of his son had probably been found.

**Brother Identifies Clothing.**  
Dr. Fox left his son "Tod" to investigate the report, and went to Fairfax, not knowing whether his son's body had been discovered or not. The dead man's brother, with John Ricks and Kennedy Slings, came to Laurel and identified the clothing which young Fox wore when he left home over four months ago.

The mysterious disappearance of Fox created consternation among the residents of Beltsville and vicinity, where he was well known. Dr. Fox caused a thorough search to be made in Washington, Philadelphia, Baltimore, and other cities, and the country for miles around was searched for weeks after the young man's disappearance.

Fox was last seen alive near Laurel, and at the time was suffering from a fever. The fear of his family and friends that this fever unbalanced his mind is evidently the correct one, and there is every indication he wandered into the bushes where he died.

**Hidden by Leaves.**  
No thought of foul play is entertained, as what little money he had was found in his clothes. The spot where the bones were found is surrounded by thick underbrush. The recent frosts have taken off the leaves, and Gibson was in the act of gathering some firewood when he made the discovery.

Dr. Fox has always contended that his son's body would be found somewhere near his home, as he was firmly convinced that the fever from which he was suffering had affected his mind. There were no business or social entanglements that could have induced the young man to go away, and the only theory left was that his mind had become temporarily unbalanced.

What is left of the body will probably be brought to Beltsville for interment. It is not believed that the coroner's inquest will throw any additional light upon the manner in which young Fox came to his death.

## WEATHER FORECAST.

For the District of Columbia, Maryland, and Virginia—Fair to-day; probably followed by showers to-morrow; rising temperature; moderate variable winds.

## TRACK LOSSES END IN THEFT.

## Boston Bridgroom Steals Valuable Ring, but Is Soon Captured.

Detroit, Mich., Oct. 24.—Driven desperate by losses totaling over \$1,000 at the Windsor race track, A. W. Crossman, of Boston, a member of a select family of that city, dashed from Joseph Gross-light's pawnshop late last evening with a \$250 diamond ring which he had asked to look at.

Crossman was soon captured and taken to the police station.

Crossman was spending his honeymoon in Detroit with his bride of two weeks, whom he married in Woodstock, Ontario.

## REBELS WIN

Zelaya's Army Vanquished in First Battle.

## CHAMORRO IS VICTOR

United States May Recognize Nicaraguan Insurgents.

## FIGHT OCCURRED FRIDAY

Government's Loss Was 100 Killed and 300 Wounded—Cape Gracias a Dios Captured by Revolutionists on the Same Day with Little Difficulty—Atlantic Coast Now in Hands of Belligerents, and President of Republic Is Mobilizing and Recruiting Troops at Managua.

Bluefields, Oct. 24 (by wireless to Colon).—The first important battle of the revolution occurred last Friday between the forces of Gen. Chamorro and 1,000 of President Zelaya's troops.

The scene of the engagement was on the San Juan River, below Boca de San Carlos. The rebels won, with slight losses.

The loss sustained by the government forces was 100 killed and 300 wounded. The rebels captured two Krupp siege guns and 400 rifles.

**Zelaya Recruiting Troops.**  
News has been received from the interior to the effect that President Zelaya is recruiting and mobilizing troops at Managua. Apparently none of his army is en route to the Atlantic coast. Gen. Chamorro is advancing slowly into the interior, strengthening his forces as he goes.

Absolute order is maintained in Bluefields. Details of the capture of Cape Gracias a Dios by the insurgents Friday reached here yesterday by the Emery Company's steamer Yulu.

The port was won after an hour's fighting, with slight losses on either side. The capture of this place gives the rebels possession of the Atlantic coast and all the territory east of the seventy-fifth degree of longitude, with the exception of about fifty miles along the San Juan River.

**Recognition Daily Expected.**  
Recognition of the rebels as belligerents by the United States is expected daily.

It is reported without confirmation that the authorities of Honduras have seized the property of the Puerto Polar Banana Company, of New York.

## OTTO MUELLER ARRESTED.

## Husband of Woman Whose Skeleton Was Found at Islip.

New York, Oct. 24.—Otto Mueller, the husband of the woman whose skeleton was found in the woods near Central Islip, L. I., last Sunday, was arrested to-night in Astoria after a lively chase by three Brooklyn detectives. He has been living in Astoria under the name of Frederick Gebhardt, with a woman and two children.

To-night, about 8:30 o'clock, the detectives went to his house. Just as they ran up the sidewalk Mueller made a dash to get away. Hennessey, Smith, and Hoar, the detectives, sprinted after him across the lots and over fences.

After a sharp chase they grabbed him and got him to the station house in Astoria. Later he was transferred to the Brooklyn police headquarters and locked up.

## Relatives Contesting Will.

Brooklyn, Mass., Oct. 24.—Relatives of the late Mrs. Clara Hunt Snow, who left \$50,000 to the Christian Science Church, are contesting the will. It is charged that Mrs. Snow, shortly before her death, intended to change her will, made five years before, and to leave the church but a small bequest.

**Popular Excursion, Sunday, October 31.**  
Baltimore & Ohio R. R., \$1.00 to Frederick, Keedysville, Hagerstown and return. Special train leaves Washington 8 a. m., returning same day.

## SHOOTS WIFE

William H. Short Then Kills Himself.

## WOMAN MAY NOT DIE

Taken to Hospital with Three Bullets in Body.

## SANG IN "THE MOTOR GIRL"

Member of Chorus Shot Down by ex-Convict Husband in Union Station Yesterday Morning—Had Refused to Leave Stage in Response to His Pleas—Tortures Wife as They Ride in Taxicab by Pinching and Biting Her—Physicians Doubtful as to Result of Wounds—Mother of Girl Arrives.

## GIRL TELLS HER STORY.

"My life's tragedy dates from the time I first met Short at a dance. I was fascinated by his handsome face. When he got into trouble I visited him every day in that terrible old, ugly prison. Instead of buying myself clothes and pretty things, I took him comforts and luxuries, books and papers, to cheer his lonely hours.

"I will never forget the horror I experienced when first I realized I had been shot. I called and called for aid, but it seemed to me that a thousand people mocked me. I was so glad when at last I was put to bed.

"I do not know whether I will return to the stage if I get well, or not. I want to, but I am afraid my parents will object."

When William H. Short, a New York salesman, shot and perhaps mortally wounded his chorus girl wife and killed himself at Union Station yesterday morning it was because he was insanely jealous of her.

He loved the woman with a love that was intense, but his love changed to desperation when she ignored his pleas to live with him. She did not care to be known as the wife of a man as plainly branded a criminal as though an initial letter had been burned in the flesh of his forehead.

He dogged her footsteps, watched her every action, pleaded and nagged in vain until frenzied. When he put forth his final plea and was repulsed, the dominant love within him turned to anger and his disordered brain was filled with the thought of murder.

## CRAZED BY ALCOHOL.

Crazed by alcohol, which he had swallowed in large quantities to dull his senses, he fired three bullets into the body of the woman he loved, and placing the weapon to his right temple, fired a bullet into his brain.

His body now lies in the District morgue, while his wife rests on a cot in Casualty Hospital, struggling against odds in a brave fight for life. There are three wounds in her back, where three bullets of .38 caliber entered and plowed through the flesh. Whether the wounds will be fatal physicians cannot say.

"You've got a fighting chance," said a physician, bending over her cot in answer to her weak inquiry if she could live, and she murmured in a low voice, tinged with a note of determination, "I'll take it, doctor."

The shooting was a sensational climax to the dramatic married life of the couple, a narrative of which would read more like a novel than an authentic record of eight years in the lives of two persons of the present day.

The woman was known on the stage as Evelyn Howard, and she was a member of the chorus in the "Motor Girl" Company, devoting her heart and soul to her work. When she started to go to the Union Station to join the company, which left for Pittsburgh yesterday morning to begin a week's engagement, she was followed by Short. He argued and pleaded with her until she feared missing the train, and then she entered a cab with her chum, Miss Mabel Caldwell, and ordered the driver to go to the station.

Short jumped into the cab beside his wife, and Miss Caldwell took a seat beside the driver, and in this fashion the short trip to the station was begun. Short continued his pleading, asking his wife again and again to remain with him and abandon the stage. She was obstinate, and he grew enraged.

He pinched her arms, bit her fingers, and stepped on her toes until she winced with pain, all the time asking:

"Will you stay, Evelyn?"

"No," she answered with determination.

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New Service Cabinet Formed.

Belgrade, Oct. 24.—A new cabinet has been formed with M. Pasich as premier. M. Milanovitch retains the portfolio of the ministry of foreign affairs.

## A CHANGE OF BASE.

LOYALTY TO FLAG  
PRAISED BY TAFT

Children Told True Meaning of the Emblem.

## HIMSELF A FIGUREHEAD

Sovereignty Represented in the Chief Executive.

President Says He Will Step Down and Out in Four Years, but Does Not Mean This to Be Taken Literally—Met by Arkansas Delegation on Leaving Texas—Will Reach St. Louis, Mo., This Morning.

## DIES OF BAYONET WOUND.

Dallas, Tex., Oct. 24.—Deputy County Clerk Louis Reichensmith, who was yesterday evening bayoneted by Sergt. Manley, of Company E, Third Regiment, Texas National Guard, died at 1:20 a. m. from his wound. Manley is still in jail, with a charge of murder docketed against him. He declines to talk for publication.

Little Rock, Ark., Oct. 24.—President Taft appeared in the role of a rear platform Sunday school teacher at Terrell, Tex., to-day. Several hundred Sunday school children were drawn up at the station when his train pulled in, and he started in to quiz them.

"I am very glad," said he, "to see the children here this Sunday morning. I am glad to see them with their flags."

"Do you know what the flags are?" asked the distinguished teacher.

"Yes, sir," they replied, all together: "the flags of the United States."

"And do you know the flag of Texas?" the President asked.

"Yes, sir," came the answer again.

"Well, what is it?"

"The Lone Star."

"And have you both flags here?" the President went on.

"Yes, sir," chorused the audience again.

"And are you loyal to both?"

"Yes, sir," they shouted once more.

And the President added: "I bet you are."

"Well, now, my children, do you know who I am?" he asked a moment later.

"Yes, sir; President Taft."

Only a Figurehead.

"I rather think," the President went on, "that flag you hold represents the sovereignty of your country, and the reason you are here this morning to see me is because for four years I am the chief executive officer of the United States, and as such for that time represent the sovereignty of the nation and am entitled as long as I conduct myself properly to your respect as the head of the nation."

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The Finest Exhibition of Oriental Rugs ever shown in Washington, D. C., is seen at Sloan's, 1407 G St., to-day and to-morrow from 9 a. m. to 6 p. m., to be sold at auction there the three following days at 11 a. m. and 3 p. m. See catalogue for further particulars.

Choice Flowers for Weddings at Blackstone's, Florist, 14th and H.

## FAILS TO DROWN HIMSELF.

## String Breaks and Former German Army Officer Is Rescued.

Chicago, Oct. 24.—Ignatz Lehnert, a former German army officer, whose mind is believed to have been unbalanced by the horrors he went through during the San Francisco earthquake, attempted to end his life last night by drowning. He was under the hallucination that he is wanted in his native land for the murder of two persons.

With a large stone tied by a strong string about his waist, he leaped off the breakwater at the foot of Harrison street.

In addition to the weight of stone, Lehnert was weighted down with three suits of underwear, two coats, and three pairs of trousers.

These acted as a buoy when the string broke and the stone sank. The high waves washed him back against the breakwater, and he was rescued by firemen.

## DIES IN ENGINE CAB

## B. &amp; O. Engineer Stricken with Hand on Throttle.

## WAITING FOR ORDER TO START

James Cornelius, While Seated in His Cab in Cumberland Yards, Falls to Move Train When Signaled, and Investigation Shows Death Had Come Suddenly.

## Special to The Washington Herald.

Cumberland, Md., Oct. 24.—James Cornelius, aged sixty, was found dead at the throttle of his engine in the South Cumberland yards of the Baltimore and Ohio Railroad early this morning, while his train was being made up to run to Brunswick.

Cornelius was given the signal to move, and he did not obey. His fireman then made an investigation, to find him seated in his cab dead. Death was primarily due to nephritis, according to Dr. Charles H. Brace, county physician, who made an examination.

The body of Mr. Cornelius was prepared for burial at the Butler undertaking rooms, and sent to his home at Brunswick, Md., this evening.

He leaves a family. His son, Louis A. Cornelius, accompanied the body. He had been an engineer on the Baltimore and Ohio for twenty years.

## GOV. HARMON DEFIANT.

## Throws Down Gage of Battle to National Committeeman.

Columbus, Ohio, Oct. 24.—"To withdraw now would be cowardly. I am going on and try to show the people of Ohio that I'm a good governor. It would be far better to go down in defeat than to quit in the face of fire."

In these words Gov. Harmon has thrown the gage of battle at the feet of Democratic National Committeeman Harvey C. Garber. He will express no opinion on the recent attack against him, but will go on and win again, and after he wins he may have a word or two to say about "our friend" Garber, as he terms him.

## PUPILS TO GATHER APPLES

Grand Junction, Colo., Oct. 24.—All schools in the fruit region of Western Colorado, including the Teller Indian Institute here, will close to-morrow for two weeks, and the pupils will go into the orchards and help harvest the record-breaking apple crop. Fruit growers have not been able to get help and fear frost will come before the apples are picked.

Choice Flowers for Weddings at Blackstone's, Florist, 14th and H.

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## PECKHAM DEAD

Supreme Court Justice Passes Away.

## SEEMED TO RECOVER

Had Planned to Return from His Summer Home.

## APPOINTED BY CLEVELAND

Took Seat on Supreme Bench in 1895—Had Been Jurist in New York for Years Previous—Death Due to Angina Pectoris—Suffered Attack of Acute Indigestion on August 23, but Had Practically Recovered—Was Born in New York State in the Year 1838.

Albany, N. Y., Oct. 24.—Rufus W. Peckham, an associate justice of the United States Supreme Court, died at his summer home, Coolmore, in Altamont, a short distance from here, in the Helderberg Mountains, at 8:15 o'clock to-night.

On August 23 he suffered an attack of acute indigestion. He seemed to recover from this, and had notified Chief Justice Fuller, of the United States Supreme Court, that he would be ready to resume his work at Washington last week.

Two weeks ago the indigestion from which Justice Peckham suffered returned in worse form and complications set in which reached the heart and rendered his condition serious, although not critical until within the past day or so.

His death was due to angina pectoris. Arrangements had been made for the removal of the Peckham household to Washington, and yesterday it was decided to bring Justice Peckham to the Hotel Teneyck in Albany this week, anticipating that he would recover sufficiently within a short time to resume his duties at Washington.

## APPOINTED IN 1895.

Rufus Wheeler Peckham, associate justice of the Supreme Court of the United States, was appointed by President Cleveland in 1895. Previous to that he was associate judge of the Court of Appeals of New York, and prior to that a justice of the Supreme Court, to which position he was elected in 1882.

Justice Peckham was born in Albany November 5, 1838. He was a son of Rufus Wheeler Peckham and a younger brother of Wheeler Hazard Peckham, who was a prominent lawyer of New York. Rufus W. Peckham prepared for law with Horatio Seymour, Samuel Beardsley, and Greene C. Bronson. He, too, was a supreme court justice, and was later elected to the Court of Appeals of New York, and lost his life in the wreck of the steamship Villier de Havre, November 22, 1873.

The son was educated at the Albany Academy, and then at a school in Philadelphia, after which he studied law in his father's office and was admitted to the bar when twenty-one years old. Soon after he became a member of the firm of Peckham & Tremain, and that firm lasted until the death of Mr. Tremain, when the firm was dissolved.

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## FARM FOR CONSUMPTIVES.

## Bishop McFaul Will Offer Free Home to All Unfortunates.

Trenton, N. J., Oct. 24.—Bishop James A. McFaul, of the Roman Catholic Diocese of Trenton, announced to-day that he had purchased a farm near Pennington, which will be opened next year as a refuge for the consumptive people of this country.

This unfortunate class will have the run of the farm, upon which shacks will be erected, without expense, and will be cared for without regard to race or creed. Sisters of Charity will serve as nurses. Bishop McFaul was chairman of the committee appointed by Gov. Fort to lead the fight against tuberculosis in this State.

## ENVOY WASHED OVERBOARD.

## Sultan's Representative and \$10,000 in Cash Lost in the Sea.

Madrid, Oct. 24.—Ald-Es-Salan, head of the mission of the Sultan of Morocco sent to pacify the Rif tribesmen, has been washed overboard from the Spanish gunboat that was conveying him, and drowned.

He was carrying about \$10,000 in cash and the mission's credentials. His wife and daughter-in-law were with difficulty prevented from throwing themselves into the sea after him.

It is stated that if the mission fails to pacify the Rif the Sultan will send an army against them.

## Deer Roam Near Town.

Millville, N. J., Oct. 24.—While Peter Shaw was driving with his wife, near Bennetts Mill, yesterday afternoon, he saw a herd of five deer, which stood and watched the team until it approached within thirty yards of them, and then they bounded away into the woods.